

Remarks

Claim 5 is amended. Claims 1 to 9 are pending in this application of which only claim 1 is in independent form.

Claim 5 was objected to for the reason set forth on page 2, paragraph 6, of the action and is amended herein to conform the same to the disclosure.

In claim 5, a vehicle-specific pull and press stage is described. What is defined in this claim is a general characteristic line for the spring and shock absorber assembly. For the pull stage of the spring and shock absorber assembly, a different support location table or characteristic line can be present than for the pressure stage or vice versa.

In view of the above, claim 5 is amended to delete "steps" and substitute -- stages -- therefor which is in conformance with the applicants' disclosure as set forth on page 2, lines 23 to 25.

In the description on page 2, lines 25 and 26, it is the end stops (pull and press stops) of the pull or press stages which are described. This is only a small component region (namely, the particular end regions) of the specific characteristic line of the pull or press stage.

In view of the above, claim 5 should now be acceptable and the application should be in condition for allowance.

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